American Literature Vocabulary Unit #2A

Define the following words and write a creative, original sentence for each.

1. Inanimate

Sentence:

1. Incinerate

Sentence:

1. Intrepid

Sentence:

1. Larceny

Sentence:

1. Pliant

Sentence:

1. Pompous

Sentence:

1. Precipice

Sentence:

1. Rectify

Sentence:

1. Reprieve

Sentence:

1. Revile

Sentence:

**Fill in the blank with a vocabulary word that would best fit the sentence.**

1. Since I did not feel well prepared, the three day postponement of final exams was a most welcome \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Though many people firmly believe that life-forms exist somewhere in outer space, everything that our astronauts have so far encountered has been decidedly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The guardrail was reinforced to prevent cars from skidding over the edge of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and falling into the abyss below.
4. The steak I’d accidentally left in the broiler too long wasn’t just overdone; it was positively \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. The youths had “borrowed” the car for joyriding were caught by the police and charged with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Without the slightest hesitation, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_firefighters will enter a blazing building to rescue anyone who may be trapped.
7. One of the most controversial figures of his time, the former president was revered by some and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by others.
8. The overly ornate style of many nineteenth-century writers seems rather forced and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to us today.
9. Though somewhat massively built, the gymnast’s body was a supple and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a ballet dancer’s.
10. As soon as I discovered the project was being mismanaged, I tried my best to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the situation.

**Write the vocabulary word for the synonym**

1. denounced: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. burglary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. courageous: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. postponement: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. correct: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Write the vocabulary word for the antonym**

1. humble: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. lively: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. flatland: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. moisturized: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. stiff: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_